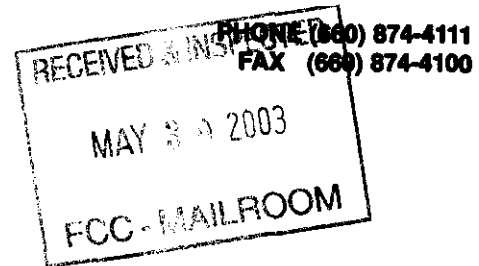




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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
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This is to certify that Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company (the company), will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support – ICLS only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for all study areas under the common control of the company, and which is listed below.

Signed,

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